The Caledonian Canal Timeline. What happened when.

World Events and Inventions Line

1784 First hot-air balloon flight in Britain by James Tytler over Edinburgh

1812 First passenger steamer service in Europe ("Comet" between Glasgow and Greenock)

1746 Jacobite rebellion at Culloden

1736 James Watt born (Father of the steam engine)

1790 Forth and Clyde Canal completed

1707 Act of the Union

1801 Crinan Canal opened

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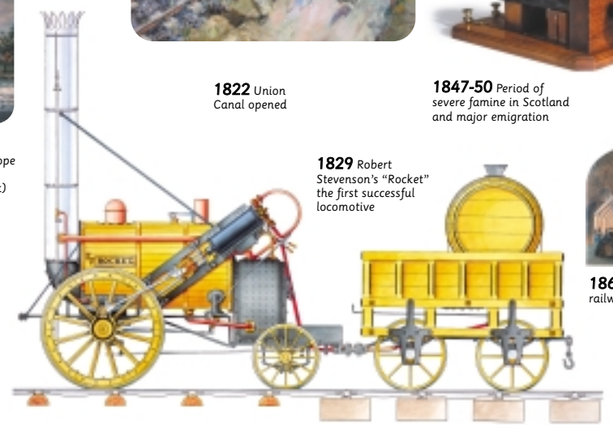
1825 World's first railway - Stockton to Darlington

1822 Union Canal opened



1829 Robert Stevenson's "Rocket" the first successful locomotive

1839 Kilpatrick MacMillan made one of first successful pedal cycles

1847-50 Period of severe famine in Scotland and major emigration

1875 Birth of Alexander Graham Bell (Inventor of telephone)

1863 World's first underground railway - London

1903 Wright Brothers make first flight in aeroplane

1895 The West Highland Railway opens

1868 - 1947 Henry Ford. The model "T" was the first car to be mass produced

1898 First motor bus service (in Edinburgh)

1929 Birth of John Logie Baird (Pioneer of television)

2000 Millennium Link Canal Project

1999 Opening of Scottish Parliament

1939-45 World War II

2003

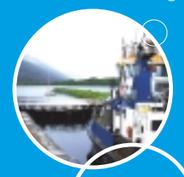
Caledonian Canal Line

1620 The Brahan Seer predicts "full-rigged ships will be seen sailing eastwards and westwards by Inverness"

1757 Birth of Thomas Telford

1804 Work begins at Corpach and Muirtown

1811 Neptune's Staircase is complete

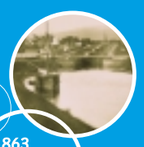


1818 Inverness to Fort Augustus section is opened for navigation

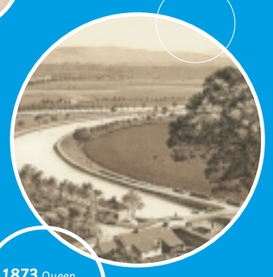
1820 Five locks completed at Fort Augustus

1822 Canal fully opened

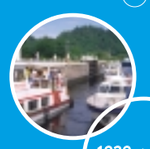
1843-47 Canal closed for reconstruction



1863 15,560 people travel through the Canal



1873 Queen Victoria travels along the Canal



1939 The ending of pleasure trips

1914-18 Canal used for war traffic

1922 The Glasgow Herald questions the expense of the canal

1969 Caley Cruisers starts boat hiring business

1976-77 Canal is closed for major reconstruction work

1989 All lock gates now replaced

1991 Twinning with Gotha Canal in Sweden

2003 WOW schools project launched

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